TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

REPORT AND DECISION NOTICE OF OFFICER KEY DECISION TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY, 22 JULY 2020

PUBLISHED ON FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2020

DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN 29 JULY 2020

Business and Planning Act 2020: Part 1, Sections 1 to 11 – Pavement Licenses

This **Key Decision** was taken by Dean Sargent, Director: Neighbourhood and Enforcement Services, being the appropriate Officer under Delegated Powers in compliance with the Council's Constitution.

The **Key Decision** related to the following identified item contained within the Council's **Notice of Key Decisions** as published on 24 July 2020. In accordance with Regulation 10 (The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012), the relevant Scrutiny Chair has been informed of, and approves, the reasons why compliance with regulation 9 (28 days' notice of key decisions) was impracticable).

INFORMATION

Following the passing of the Business and Planning Act 2020, Telford and Wrekin Council are required to implement a scheme enabling applications to be made for eligible premises to obtain 'pavement licences'.

The legislation was passed on 22 July 2020 and, in support of the local economy, there is a need to publicise the scheme without delay.

The attached report provides additional information

DECISION -

- Establishment of a scheme in respect of the granting of Pavement Licences to allow the placing of removable furniture over certain highways under Part 1 of the Business and Planning Act 2020 to operate across the Borough up until 30 September 2021 as set out in the attached report.
- 2. That the administration of the Pavement Licence Scheme be dealt with by the Licensing Team of the Public Protection Service Area.

- 3. Approval of the Pavement Licensing Scheme eligibility criteria and licence terms and conditions as appended to the report at appendix A.
- 4. To secure additional resource, on a temporary basis, to oversee the process between July and September. In accordance with the Business and Planning Act 2020, the application fee for such licences is to be £25 until 31st August 2020 and £100 thereafter (subject to further review).
- 5. Approval that the Council's Scheme of Delegation in respect of Public Protection Function be amended to include the Business and Planning Act 2020 to give officers the necessary delegated powers to perform the various functions and duties under the Act.
- 6. That the above delegations take immediate effect upon the date of making this delegation.

<u>Further Information/Contact</u> – Dean Sargent, Director: Neighbourhood and Enforcement

Signed:

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Dated: 24 July 2020